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Government Employees Health Assn., Inc.
P. O. Box 463
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The initial job of explaining and installing the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program has been completed, and we have successfully weathered the first "open season." The Civil Service Commission's health benefits activities outside of Washington appear to be settling down to something that is principally a maintenance operation. We have therefore decided to abolish the position of Regional Health Benefits Representative as a full-time specialist's position. Since this development will affect your relationships with our field offices, I want to give you advance notice of it.

Our present thinking is that most health benefits problems that arise in the field can be taken care of by the Commission's staff who inspect agency operations for compliance with requirements of law, regulation, and good personnel practice or by a newly appointed group of Civil Service Representatives who will be stationed in various Federal employee population centers throughout the country to provide on-the-spot assistance to agencies in those particular localities. These Representatives will be generalists operating across the board to advise agencies on all programs, including health benefits, for which the Civil Service Commission has responsibility.

We have not yet determined how the present activities of Regional Health Benefits Representatives will be phased out. Various alternatives will be considered and when a decision has been reached, we will write you further concerning those aspects of our administrative organization that affect our relationships with you. Until that time, we would appreciate your continuing to deal with our Regional Health Benefits Representatives just as you now deal with them.

Sincerely yours,



Andrew E. Ruddock
Director